

We claim:

- 1 1. A radiation-emitting semiconductor component having a layer structure,
2 comprising:
3 an n-doped cladding layer (18),
4 a p-doped cladding layer (20),
5 an active layer (14) based on InGaAlP arranged between the n-doped
6 cladding layer (18) and the p-doped cladding layer (20), and
7 a diffusion stop layer (16) arranged between the active layer (14) and the
8 p-doped cladding layer (20),
9 wherein the diffusion stop layer (16) has a strained superlattice.
- 1 2. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 the diffusion stop layer (16) has a superlattice which is alternately
3 tensile/compressively strained.
- 1 3. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 2, wherein
2 the superlattice of the diffusion stop layer (16) has N periods of tensile-strained
3 $\text{In}_x(\text{Ga}_y\text{Al}_{1-y})_{1-x}\text{P}$ layers (16a), where $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$, and compressively strained
4 $\text{In}_x(\text{Ga}_y\text{Al}_{1-y})_{1-x}\text{P}$ layers (16b), where $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$, N lying between 2 and 40,
5 preferably between 5 and 20, particularly preferably between 8 and 15.
- 1 4. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 3, wherein
2 the superlattice of the diffusion stop layer (16) consists of InAlP layers.
- 1 5. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein
3 the strain lies in the range of 0.1% to 5%, preferably in the range of 0.5% to 2%,
4 particularly preferably in the range of 0.7% to 1%.

- 1 6. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein
3 the p-doped cladding layer (20) is p-doped with magnesium.
- 1 7. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein
3 the diffusion stop layer (16) is highly n-doped.
- 1 8. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 7,
2 wherein
3 the diffusion stop layer (16) is n-doped with tellurium.
- 1 9. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 7,
2 wherein
3 the n-type dopant concentration lies above $0.5 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, in particular between
4 them and including 0.75 and up to and including $1.5 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.
- 1 10. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 8,
2 wherein
3 the n-type dopant concentration lies above $0.5 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, in particular between
4 $0.75 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $1.5 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (limits included).
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2 11. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 1,
3 wherein
4 a transparent coupling-out layer (22), which preferably essentially consists of
5 GaP, is arranged on the topmost cladding layer (20) of the layer structure.
- 1 12. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 1,

2 wherein
3 the active layer (14) comprises a p-n junction, a single quantum well structure or
4 a multiple quantum well structure.

1 13. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 2,
2 wherein
3 the strain lies in the range of 0.1% to 5%, preferably in the range of 0.5% to 2%,
4 particularly preferably in the range of 0.7% to 1%.

1 14. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 3,
2 wherein
3 the strain lies in the range of 0.1% to 5%, preferably in the range of 0.5% to 2%,
4 particularly preferably in the range of 0.7% to 1%.

1 15. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 4,
2 wherein
3 the strain lies in the range of 0.1% to 5%, preferably in the range of 0.5% to 2%,
4 particularly preferably in the range of 0.7% to 1%.

1 16. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 3,
2 wherein
3 a transparent coupling-out layer (22), which preferably essentially consists of
4 GaP, is arranged on the topmost cladding layer (20) of the layer structure.

1 17. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 4,
2 wherein
3 a transparent coupling-out layer (22), which preferably essentially consists of
4 GaP, is arranged on the topmost cladding layer (20) of the layer structure.

1 18. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 3,
2 wherein
3 the diffusion stop layer (16) is highly n-doped.

1 19. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 4,
2 wherein
3 the diffusion stop layer (16) is highly n-doped.

1 20. The radiation-emitting semiconductor component as claimed in claim 19,
2 wherein
3 the diffusion stop layer (16) is highly n-doped.